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Seventeenth Annual Session

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TROY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH THE—

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Pike County, Ala., Commencing on October the 9th, 1900.

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MINUTES.

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Troy Baptist Association met with Mt. Pleasant church at Linwood on October 9th, 1900.

Bro. N. C. Underwood, former Moderator, called the Association to order.

The former Clerk being absent, J. W. Dickinson was chosen as temporary Clerk.

It was suggested by the Moderator that permanent organization be postponed until the afternoon session and that the appointee proceed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The suggestion was concurred in by the body, and the sermon preached from Luke, 16th chapter and 8th verse, by Elder J. W. Dickinson.

Motion then made and carried that the Association adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body met pursuant to adjournment at 1:30 and proceeded to permanent organization.

Letters were called for and the following churches were represented:

Bethlehem—W. R. Banks and J. H. Pinckard.

Hephzibah—T. S. Sanders, E. A. McPherson, E. S. Whaley and J. T. Green.

Orion—Elder J. S. Yarbrough, N. A. Adams and T. L. McCullough.

Salem—Elder N. C. Underwood, J. M. Shephard, M. J. Gilmore, W. A. Jones and W. B. Kimbell.

China Grove—Elder J. W. Dickinson, Lloyd Head and J. D. Farnell.

Ansley—W. H. Barnett, A. S. Knight, W. J. Dennis and J. T. McLeod.

Mt. Pleasant—H. W. Griggs, L. W Williams, J. W. Dawkins, R. W. Scarbrough and J. C. Browder.

Good Hope—C. C. King, B. W. Pugh, R. L. Rushing and Jas. Spivey.

Troy—Elders L. H. Bowles, A. B. Campbell, J. L. Youngblood, and Joel D. Murphree, J. P. Wood, J. P. Hubbard, Abner Campbell, Jno. E. Moore, O C. Wiley and E. M. Shackelford.

Shiloh—Walter Copeland, Wm. Wood, Weeks Fleming and John Cotton.

After enrollment of delegates, the body proceeded to election of permanent officers, with the following result:

N. C. Underwood, Moderator; J. W. Dickinson, Clerk; Joel D. Murphree, Treasurer.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report:

REVISED ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Services.
2. Reading Church Letters.
3. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
4. Elect Officers.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Special recognition of Denominational representatives.
7. Introductory Sermon.
8. Receive applications from churches for membership.
9. Appoint committees to report during session:
   (1) On Religious Exercises.
   (2) On Finance.
   (3) On Documents and Requests.
   (4) On Nominations.
10. Call for Correspondence.
11. Read Rules of Order.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Reports of Standing Committees in their regular order.
   (1) On State and Home Missions.
   (2) On Foreign Missions.
   (3) On Sunday Schools.
   (4) On Temperance.
   (5) On Education.
   (6) On Baptist Orphanage.
   (7) On Deceased and Indigent Ministers.
   (8) On Colportage.
14. Report of Special Committees.
15. Return Correspondence.
16. Election of Executive Committee.
17. Appointment of Committees to report next meeting.
18. Treasurer's Report.
19. Report on Finance.
20. Verify List of Messengers.
21. Arrange for Printing Minutes.
22. Correct Minutes.
23. Name time and place for next session of the body.
24. Adjourn.

Motion made and concurred in that all messengers whose names appear in church letters be received as representatives from said churches.

A call was then made for visitors from sister associations with invitations extended to seats with the body. Brethren W. A. Powell, J. A. Jenkins and John Waters, from Centennial Association, recognized.

A committee was then appointed on Religious Services, consisting of pastor and messengers of Mt. Pleasant church.

Motion prevailed that reading rules of order of this Association be dispensed with during the session of the body.

Correspondence called for. Elder S. O. Y. Ray, from Pea River Association, was recognized as representative of the Alabama Baptist and State Board of Missions.

Motion concurred in that a committee, consisting of the pastors and other preachers of this Association, with N. C. Underwood, chairman, meet for the purpose of considering the matter of reviving the Fifth Sunday Meetings, and that said committee report to the body at 3:30 p. m. to-morrow.

Motion then made and carried that the order of business be so amended as to insert an item giving special recognition to denominational representatives present.

A letter of dismission was called for by the Bethlehem church. Granted.

Motion prevailed that 2 o'clock to-morrow be set as the time to consider the Centennial movement, and that Bro. Joel D. Murphree be specially requested to make an address on "Baptist Principles."

Report on State and Home Missions called for. Postponed until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Reports on Foreign Mission and Sabbath Schools were also, on motion, postponed until Wednesday morning, to follow the report on State and Home Missions.

The Temperance report being next in order was read by Chairman O. C. Wiley. Brethren Youngblood, Dickinson, Ray, Campbell, Murphree and Wood spoke to the report. After an animated discussion, a motion calling for previous question was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is recorded among the Christian virtues by the Scriptures, and indeed when we consider the results of intemperance it may be truly said to be one of the foundation stones upon which character is built. Nearly all our sins, physical, mental end spiritual, are the results of intemperance, either in the form of excessive use of certain drugs, overindulgence in certain practices or the overtaxing of certain faculties. Christian economy commends the use of all things that contribute to our best interest, and the utmost liberty is allowed us in their use consistent with good example and personal advantage, but most rigidly draws the line at the danger point. There are some things, however, that the Christian cannot afford to use, it matters not how seemingly harmless it may be to him when he considers how harmful they may be to others, who may be induced to use them by his example. "Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing;" though it may not be good Scripture when used in this sense, it is certainly good morals in this connection. "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world stands, lest I make my brother to offend," ought to be the sentiment of every Christian heart.

The use of tobacco may be an open question, but there is one form of it that the medical and business world have condemned as destructive of the body and of the moral sense, and certainly Christianity cannot afford to be more indulgent of this evil. We refer to the deadly cigarette habit, so common among the young men and boys of this day and time.

The use of intoxicating liquors is very justly considered the greatest source of intemperance, and we as Baptists have for years condemned its use as not only harmful, but destructive beyond computation, of social order, good citizenship and Christian character.

While temperance in the form of opposition to the use, sale and manufacture of intoxicating beverages, has made greater progress than any cause of like kind (in the last twenty years), still there is yet much to be done, if we ever enjoy the great blessings of freedom from this monster evil.

Our motto should be total abstinence in all things that tend to retard Christian growth and character, and as Baptists to take no backward step in the advance already made.

O. C. Wiley, Ch'n.

On motion the report on Education was set for 3 o'clock to-morrow.

Moderator then announced the following Special Committees:

Finance—T. L. Head, W. H. Barnett and Jno. E. Moore.

Documents and Requests—H. S. Knight, C. C. King and Walter Copeland.

Nominations—Joel D. Murphree, L. W. Williams and J. T. McLeod.

Motion then made and carried that the body meet at 8:30 a. m. and adjourn at 12 m. Reassemble at 1:30 p. m. and adjourn at 4:30.

The following report of Executive Committee was then read and adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

No business was referred to us at your last session and no funds have been placed at our disposal for Colportage work, consequently your committee has done nothing during the year.

A. B. Campbell, Ch'n.

Committee on Hospitality made its report, and Association adjourned to meet Wednesday at 8:30 a. m.

Benediction by Elder S. O. Y. Ray.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order at 8:30 by the Moderator, and opened with devotional exercises.

Reports on State and Home and Foreign Missions having been made special order for this hour, were called for.

Report on State and Home Missions was read by Elder S. O. Y. Ray. Discussed by Elder A. B. Campbell. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Board of Missions is the agent of the Foreign and Home Mission boards, thus saving the expense of both those boards in collecting funds in our State.

The policy of the board for several years past in the prosecution of their work has been to stir up the churches by the appointment of Evangelists whose duty it was to visit the churches, hold district meetings, Baptist rallies, attend associations and in every other way possible infuse into the minds of the churches directly and through their pastors the great question of enlarged views and efforts in the prosecution of the Master's cause. viz: Missions, pastoral support, ministerial education, intelligent conception of Baptist doctrines, polity, etc. The work of these men was greatly blessed and the fruits of their labors have been seen in many of the sections where they have labored and the leaven sown will go on until the results have been obtained designed by our Master. But the present policy of the board is to do more missionary and colportage work, and assist weak, but promising communities in the cities, towns and country, by helping them in the support of the work until they can take care of themselves. In this way nearly all our great churches in every city in the State have been established. Our Secretary, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, is visiting all parts of the State and is encouraging and helping our cause as only he can do it. Let us rally to

this board and give them our sympathy, co-operation and money, and thus help to lay well the foundation for that work which the Baptists of the State are destined to do for the propagation of the Gospel as God has given it to the world.

A similar work is being done by our Home Mission Board on a larger scale and in a larger field. They seek to supply destitution in all the Southern and Western States and Territories and Cuba and Porto Rico, aiding the great cities in preaching to the foreign population in their midst, sending missionaries to the frontiers of the great West, preaching the Gospel to the Indians, aiding in a small way the effort to assist the negroes in our midst, and sending the Gospel to Cuba and Porto Rico. This board has done a work that is cause for profound thanksgiving to God and has to-day before them fields to enter and work to be done that is broader than at any period in their past history. Let our churches stand by them in their God-given work and thus aid in planting churches in the midst of those who need it, who shall be factors in the days to come in carrying out the great commission of our Savior, who has said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Your committee would recommend the appointment of work to the churches as one of the best ways to help them do the work they are trying to do. Respectfully. J. W. DICKINSON, Ch'n.

Report on Foreign Missions presented by Elder L. H. Bowles. Discussed by Elders Bowles and Ray. Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Recent political developments and territorial changes have presented Foreign missions in a new light, and we may in truth say with the Master, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." The recent acquisition of territory by our own country has increased our responsibilities as well as greatly enlarged our privileges in carrying the Gospel to those who have it not—and how to best meet these responsibilities is the burning question of the hour.

Whatever we may think of imperialism and expansion as a political question, there can be but one opinion among Baptists, and that is to possess every foot of territory upon the globe for the Master, and bring every kingdom in the world under the influence of the Gospel.

That God is working out His plans in His own wondrous way, we have no doubt; neither do we doubt that we are instruments in His hands for their accomplishment. Whether the Chinese walls are to be demolished with fire and sword, or the "still small voice" is to accomplish their destruction, we must leave to the ordering of an all wise Providence; but of this we must be sure, that it is for us to "go in and possess the land," as soon as the way has been made clear.

The recent developments in China convince us of the fact that God's patience with heathenism is well nigh exhausted, and the old proverb, that "the gods first make mad those whom they would destroy," is being literally fulfilled.

The blood of martyrs has ever been the seed from which Christianity has grown, and the faithful few who have sacrificed their lives in China have sealed the fate of heathenism in that sin-cursed land.

As the new century dawns upon us, it is the hope of the Southern Baptists to awaken a new interest in the cause of missions, and there

seems to be everything, both of a temporal and spiritual nature, to encourage us. The accumulation of wealth in the hands of godly men and the bettered condition of the country generally will give us new facilities for the accomplishment of wonderful things for the Master, while hosts of devoted men and women stand ready to obey the command to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel."

Your committee has no definite plan for raising money, and, indeed, it is very difficult to adopt any uniform method under our independent system of church government. We would suggest that we recommend to the churches certain amounts to be raised by each as a guide rather than an assessment.

Praying God's blessings upon our next year's work, that it may be more successful than ever before, and that He will greatly bless our missionaries in the foreign field. Very respectfully submitted,

L. H. Bowles, Ch'n.

Next came the report on Sunday Schools presented by Chairman Elder J. S. Yarbrough. Discussed by Bro. Yarbrough. Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In making our report on Sabbath School work this year, your committee is impressed that the interest in this branch of Christian work is waning.

The report on Sabbath Schools last year stated that all the churches of this Association had Sabbath Schools, one excepted, for the greater part of the year. Why was not the statistics published? Why? Are we who are sending the Gospel to foreign and heathen lands afraid to compare our work along this line of Christian endeavor?

Bro. Joel D. Murphree, in his splendid report on Foreign Missions last year, stated that the Baptists in the foreign fields, with a membership of 3,347, had in Sabbath Schools 2,446 pupils. Can we make as good a report?

We therefore recommend that all the churches of this Association be requested to adopt the following form in their church letters, viz:

Number of children between the ages of 5 and 20 in Baptist families; number attending Sabbath School; number of adults who attend Sabbath School; number attending Union Schools.

We also recommend that all the churches have at least a three-months' Sabbath School during the year, and that the report on Sabbath Schools as published in the minutes of Association be read in their church conference.

In conclusion, we ask the Association to appoint Bro. J. S. Carroll to visit all the churches in the bounds of the Association in the interest of Sabbath School work. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. Yarbrough, Ch'n.

The hour having arrived for the preaching of the annual Missionary Sermon, the Moderator announced that Elder A. B. Campbell, appointee, would deliver the dis-

course on Missions. The sermon was preached from Romans, 1-14. It was able, incisive and helpful.

After the sermon a collection was taken amounting to $11.25.

Association adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Association reassembled at 1:30. Led in prayer by Elder J. A. Jenkins.

The Committee of Ministers appointed to consider the question of conducting the Fifth Sabbath meetings made an oral report through Chairman N. C. Underwood. Said report suggested the discontinuance of Fifth Sabbath meetings as an Associational measure. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations was called for and read by Bro. J. D. Murphree. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations ask leave to make the following report:

To preach the Introductory Sermon—Elder J. M. Loflin.

To preach the Missionary Sermon—Elder L. H. Bowles.

Delegates to the Alabama State Convention—Elders A. B. Campbell, N. C. Underwood, J. W. Dickinson, J. L. Youngblood and J. S. Yarbrough, and Bros. O. C. Wiley and A. S. Knight.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—L. H. Bowles, and T. L. Head, alternate.

We recommend the following names for Executive Committee for the coming associational year: A. B. Campbell, W. H. Barnett, J. W. Dickinson, J. D. Murphree and J. P. Wood.

J. D. MURPHREE, Ch'n.

Next order of business was report on Deceased and Indigent Ministers. Said report was presented by Chairman M. A. Wood. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED AND INDIGENT MINISTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report that no ministers have died within the bounds of our Association, and that there are none needing assistance. Respectfully submitted.

F. B. WILLIAMS, Ch'n.

Chairman A. S. Knight then offered report on Documents and Requests. It was amended by inserting "On Monday after first Sunday in October, 1901," as the time for holding the next session of the Association.

The following report was adopted as amended:

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

We, your Committee on Documents and Requests, beg leave to report that, after considering the requests of the different churches for the next session of this Association, recommend that the next session be held with Hephzibah Church on Tuesday after first Sabbath in October, 1901, which is situated on the Three Notch road, four miles south of Troy.

We have before us a request for minutes of this, our present Association, from Bro. R. A. Wilson, Secretary of the Samuel Colgate Baptist Historical Collection, also a request from Lansing Burrows, Secretary of Southern Baptist Convention, for minutes. We recommend that the Clerk of Association furnish with minutes the abovenamed persons.

In compliance with a request of the Holbrook Normal College for the names of the clerks of our different churches, we ask our Clerk to furnish them with their request and also offer them our sincere thanks for their offer of a scholarship in their college. Respectfully submitted. A. S. KNIGHT, Ch'n.

A special report provided for at last session of body was read by Bro. J. D. Murphree. Motion made and carried that the report be adopted and printed in minutes; also the rules of order, articles of faith and constitution; and that the body tender its thanks to Bro. Murphree for his faithful preparation of report.

SPECIAL REPORT.

At our Association last year the following resolution was adopted on motion of Dr. Campbell: "Resolved, That a committee of three be now appointed to arrange the constitution and amendments and all resolutions intended to be of permanent force, also to revise the order of business and report to the next session of this body for publication in the minutes." Brethren Joel D. Murphree, W. H. Barnett and J. P. Wood were appointed, and, on motion, Dr. A. B. Campbell was added.

Your said committee have endeavored to discharge the duty assigned them and herewith make their report.

We find that at the first session of our Association, in 1884, a constitution was reported by a committee and adopted.

At the session of 1897 section 3 of the constitution was amended so as to read as follows: "The duties of the Treasurer require him to receive and account for only such moneys as are contributed for the current expenses of the Association, and the special collections taken during its sessions; that all other funds shall be forwarded to the agents of those causes for which they were collected, and report the same in the church letters."

At the same session the following was added as section 10 to the constitution: "Resolved, That article 10 of the constitution be changed to artitle 11, and that the following be article 10: Art. 10. An executive committee of five brethren residing and holding fellowship within our

bounds shall be elected at each annual session, and it shall be the duty of said committee to attend to such business as the Association may refer to it, and to use all means within its power, by correspondence with pastors and churches and otherwise, to promote constant and active co-operation and development of the churches throughout the year in support of the objects fostered by the Association, and in its own discretion to bring to the special notice of the churches, asking their aid therein, all measures undertaken by the Alabama State and Southern Baptist Conventions. Said committee shall have no right to commit the churches or Association to the support of any cause or undertaking. It shall fill all vacancies that may occur in its own membership during the year. It shall also report all its transactions to the Association, with such suggestions and recommendations as it deems fit to present. The Treasurer of the Association shall be ex-officio a member of the committee."

At the first session of our Association a resolution was adopted which reads thus: "Resolved, That any member of this Association being present at any session of an association with which we correspond is authorized to represent this Association as correspondent."

At the session of 1885 the following was adopted: "That the first Sunday in February, May and October be made special days for the Sunday-schools to have services or discussions of the subject of Missions, and taking up collections for that purpose."

At the same session the following was adopted: "The Convention has wisely enrolled amongst its many benevolent enterprises the Christian duty of preventing those who have labored faithfully in word and doctrine from coming to want and leaving them to the cold charities of the world. Therefore we earnestly recommend to the churches not to leave out this charity when contributing to other causes of benevolence."

Same session: "Resolved, That this Association endorse the Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery, Ala., as worthy of the confidence and support of Baptists, and recommend it as being the best medium through which to advance the Baptist interest in the State of Alahama."

Same session: "Resolved, That the Troy Association is in full sympathy with all the enterprises fostered by the Baptist denomination of Alabama and will co-operate and support the State Convention in its work."

At the session of 1892 the following was adopted: "Resolved, That to protect and encourage the whisky traffic in any manner in our midst, is to imperil the peace and happiness of our families, to disgrace our profession and threaten the destruction of our civil institutions; that it is the duty of the good people everywhere, especially the church, to use their influence to suppress this great evil."

Session of 1895: The following was adopted: "We give expression to the opinion that the signing of a whisky petition, by which consent is given to sell spirituous liquors, is a grievous offense against the church and a violation of the spirit of Christianity, and that the members should be held to strict account for such violation."

Same session: "We recommend that the churches provide a fund to be held for the support of indigent ministers in the bounds of our Association when the necessity arises in the future."

At the session of 1897 the following: "Resolved, That it is the sense of the Troy Association that it is not right, neither is it good policy, for the State to afford legal protection to any traffic or vocation which tends to waste the resources, corrupt the morals and social habits and en-

danger the lives of the people. Resolved 2nd, That this Association recommends to the churches composing the same the adoption of a rule that the selling of whisky or other intoxicants, or signing petitions for sale of same, comes under the head of unchristian conduct, and the violators of said rule will be held to strict account and the church justified in withdrawing fellowship from them."

At session 1898 the following was adopted: "Resolved, That the selling of whisky and other intoxicants as a beverage, or the signing of petitions authorizing its sale, is no less offensive to the church than habitual drunkenness, and should receive the same condemnation."

At the session of 1898 the following recommendations were adopted "That our Executive Committee be authorized to employ a Sunday school evangelist, whose duties shall be prescribed by them, if in their judgment it will be feasible; That the churches in this Association be urged to organize and maintain Sunday-schools twelve months in the year, and they be requested to make their buildings comfortable, winter and summer, for this purpose; That the literature of our Southern Baptist Sunday-school Board be commended for use in our Sunday-schools; That one day in the year be appointed for special Sunday-school services by our churches."

Same session the following was adopted: "Resolved, That in the future the churches composing the Troy Association shall embrace in their church letters the accessions by experience and by letters, dismissions and expulsions, the amount of monies received from all sources, naming them, and how and for what purposes paid out up to one month before the time fixed for holding of our Associations; That the value of church property shall not be reported, nor the amount promised pastors, but only the actual amounts received and paid out during the year."

Session of 1899: "The proposition to encourage greater engagedness in Christian work on the part of the female membership of the churches was duly considered, and a resolution was adopted and sent to all the Ladies Aid Societies of our churches, recommending that the ladies of each church organize as seems to them advisable, engage in such activities as in each case they deem best, and report results to their own church."

At same session: "Resolved, That the Association highly appreciates the valuable service rendered by our beloved brother, L. H. Bowles, as Sunday-school Evangelist, and earnestly request him to continue his work in that capacity. We commend him heartily to the full confidence and co-operation of all friends of the cause."

At same session: "Resolved, That we recommend our people to order their Bibles and other literature, as far as practicable, from our Southern Baptist Sunday-school Board at Nashville, Tenn., in preference to every other publication house."

J. D. Murphree, Ch'n.

Special order for Centennial movement was considered. Bro. Joel D. Murphree delivered an excellent address on "Baptist Principles." Prof. E. M. Shackelford, by request, read a tract from the able pen of Dr. S. H. Ford on the subject, "The Spread of Baptist Principles During the Century."

The Association was then led in special prayer by Elder Bowles in behalf of the Centennial movement.

Motion carried that the Alabama Baptist be requested to publish the address of Bro. Murphree.

The Moderator then announced the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Home and State Missions—W. H. Barnett, John H. Cotton, J. T. McLeod.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. S. Yarbrough, W. G. Chancey, T. S. Sanders.

Sunday-schools—L. H. Bowles, James Shephard, C. C. King.

Temperance—Joel D. Murphree, A. S. Knight, E. A. McPherson.

Education—J. W. Dickinson, W. B. Kimbell, W. H. Griggs.

Orphanage—O. C. Wiley, John Moore, F. B. Williams.

Indigent and Deceased Ministers—T. L. Head, Abner Campbell, N. A. Adams.

Committee on Appointments—Joel D. Murphree, R. J. Williams, J. R. Turner.

Colportage—E. M. Shackelford, J. P. Wood, J. P. Hubbard.

Executive Committee—A. B. Campbell, W. H. Barnett, J. W. Dickinson, Joel D. Murphree, J. P. Wood.

Bro. Loflin was recognized as a visitor from Salem Association. He made a short and pleasant speech to the body.

The hour having arrived for the report on Education, Prof. Shackelford submitted the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Brother Moderator:—As Chairman of the Committee on Education, I beg to submit the following statement: About September 20th I addressed a letter to the presidents of the Judson, Howard College and the Theological Seminary, asking for information concerning the institutions over which they preside. To date (Oct. 10) only one has responded, and I take pleasure in appending his reply hereto. I had hoped to let the heads of these institutions speak for themselves, but as two of them failed to do so, I can only say that the secular newspapers report a good opening and excellent prospects for the Judson. I know nothing of the situation at Howard College. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President of the Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., writes as follows.

"Louisville, Ky., Sept. 26, 1900.

"*President E. M. Shackelford, State Normal College, Troy, Ala.:*—

"Dear Sir and Brother:—Your favor has been received requesting some general statement as to our Seminary. I subnit the following: Last year we had 256 students. Our faculty numbers nine professors and instructors. Our constituency consists of the Baptists of the Southern States. The students of last session were distributed as follows: 197 came from the Southern States, 54 from the Northern

States and 5 from foreign countries. The foreign countries represented were Brazil, British Honduras, Japan, Sweden and Syria. An effort is now being made to add to the endowment of our seminary at least $200,000. This addition is necesary to make our income equal to our annual expenses. The course which we give is a strictly theological course, but is very full and thorough. I send you under separate cover one of our last catalogues, which will give you any further information which you may desire for your report. Thanking you in advance for anything you may say favorable to our work, I am yours very sincerely, etc. E. Y. Mullins."

These institutions are all doing excellent work and are worthy of our commendation and patronage.

The general educational conditions in the State were never better than they are today. Our dear Brother Abercrombie is proving himself a model executive for this department of the State's work. Larger appropriations are now made for the public schools, longer terms are required and higher qualifications for teachers are demanded than ever before. This all argues well not only for the civil, but also for the moral and spiritual condition of the future. The church whose membership is based upon an intelligent comprehension of the fundamental truths taught by the Master is established upon a rock, the foundations of which cannot be shaken.

Fraternally submitted.

E. M. Shackelford, Ch'n.

Discussed by Prof. Shackelford and adopted.

Next came report on Orphanage, presented by Chairman W. H. Barnett, and, after discussion by Bro. Bowles, was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphan's Home was temporarily located at Evergreen in January, 1893, and, on March 10th following, the first children were received under its protecting care. By November of that year we had received 22 children, and the little, rented dilapidated house was more than full, and a negro cabin in the corner of the yard had to be fitted up to hold the overflow of children.

The trustees, after having duly considered all possible plans for a permanent location, decided to let it remain permanently in Evergreen, and purchased an old homestead consisting of 80 acres of land, with a brick residence with ten rooms and three tenant houses. This property, we think, was admirably and wisely located. The purchase price was $5,000, in three installments, with interest on deferred payments. The amount actually paid was $5,400.33. This debt was duly paid and the property improved, changed and another building added and all debts duly paid. No incumbrance has ever been on the Home. About 30 acres of this land are in farm, 30 in pasture and 30 in woods. The boys are taught to do farm work, while the girls are trained in housework from scrubbing in the kitchen to the making of a dress.

The family life of the Home is about like that of any well regulated family. The children are taught to observe one rule that contains all others, viz: "Do right."

While the physical and industrial life of the children are carefully looked after, their spiritual life is not neglected. Many of them have been baptized, all that are large enough attend Sunday-school and church, and the regular family worship is held every evening.

The 138 children that have been received since the Home was established came from thirty counties. Our great constant need is money or food and clothing for the support of these dear children, and our special urgent need now is another building so that we could take proper care of the children in case any of them were sick, or to isolate them in case of contagion. As it is, it is impracticable to do so. It takes about $10 a day for the regular support of these children now, with the reasonable prospect for an enlargement of our duties and responsibilities along this line. We have no income for the support of the Home, except the free-will offerings of its friends. We feel that these children are ours, given us by God, and that it is our duty to make all possible provision for them morally and physically, yet there are said to be about 500 Baptist preachers in Alabama who, so far as is known, have never shown the least interest in the work, and about 2,200 churches that have not been heard from.

Your committee most heartily commend to our churches and people our dear brother, Jno. W. Stewart, who has so wisely and well presided over and directed the affairs of the Home and children, and respectfully urge that all pastors bring the need of this work before the churches. Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Barnett, Ch'n.

Report of Committee on Finance was then read by Chairman T. L. Head and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Salem Church:

Received as follows:

From Ladies' Aid Society	$130.00	
From Sunday-school	14.23	
From Members' Church	17.11	$161.34

Paid out as follows:

Foreign Missions	$ 3.50	
Home Missions	3.50	
State Missions	15.00	
Minutes	3.00	
Orphans' Home	23.75	
Pastor's Salary	400.00	
Sunday-school Literature	40.00	
Incidental Expenses	10.00	
Pastorium and Benevolence	1,200.00	$1,698.75
Value Church Property		2,400.00
Property Insured at		750.00

Mount Pleasant Church:

Pastor's Salary	$116.50	
Missions	10.00	
Sunday-school Literature	4.00	
Minutes	1.25	$131.75

Troy Church:
Received from all sources.....$2,322.25
Paid out as follows:

Missions	$ 245.00	
Orphans' Home	50.00	
India Sufferers	106.00	
Institute Board	50.00	
Tuscaloosa Baptist School	20.00	
Tuscaloosa Baptist Church	50.00	
Southern Baptist Seminary	10.00	
Contributions for the Poor	67.45	
Contributed to aid in Paying of the Debt of the Baptists of the State	25.00	
For fuel for use of Church	15.75	
Repairs on Church, Sexton and Lights	191.05	
Paid on Pastorium Debt and Repairs	217.00	
Insurance on Church Property and Sunday-school Literature	150.00	
Contributed to Pike County Sunday-school Convention	15.00	
Contributed for Minutes	10.00	
Paid on Pastor's Salary	1,100.00	—2,322.25

Siloam Church:
Amount contributed.....$142.50
Paid out as follows:

State Missions	$ 9.00	
Home Missions	7.50	
Foreign Missions	5.60	
Minutes	2.00	
Sunday-school Literature	4.00	
Pastor's Salary	115.00	—$142.50

Ansley Church:

Paid to Institute	$4.70	
Minutes	1.00	
State Missions	3.35	
Home Missions	3.35	—$12.40.

Hephzibah Church:

Missions	$ 6.50	
Minutes	1.50	
Pastor's Salary	100.00	—$108.00

Shiloh Church:

Foreign Missions	$ 20.45	
State Missions	9.55	
Orphans' Home	8.00	
Pastor's Salary	150.00	
Minutes	3.50	
Incidental Expenses	3.00	—$194.50

Orion Church:
Pastor's Salary.....$100.00
Missions..... 12.55
Repairs on Church..... 3.25
Sunday-school Literature..... 2.50
Minutes..... 1.50—$119.80

Good Hope Church.
Minutes.....$1.25
Missions..... 4.35
Orphans' Home..... 1.00—$6.60

Bethlehem:
State Missions.....$2.75
Home Missions..... 25
Orphans' Home..... 2.00
Minutes..... 75—$5.75

T. L. HEAD, Ch'n.

Report of Treasurer was offered by Chairman J. D. Murphree. Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received as follows for Missions:
Ansley.....$ 7.70
Good Hope..... 4.35
Mt. Pleasant..... 6.25
Collected to-day Missions..... 11.25—$29.55
Hephzibah Church Missions..... 6.50
Siloam Church Missions..... 11.50— 47.55
Paid to S. O. Y. Ray..... 47.55
Received as follows for Minutes:
Troy.....$10.00
Orion..... 1.50
Ansley..... 1.00
Salem..... 3.00
Good Hope..... 1.25
Mt. Pleasant..... 1.25
Shiloh..... 3.00
Siloam..... 2.00
Hephzibah..... 1.50—$24.50

JOEL D. MURPHREE, Ch'n.

Motion prevailed that the names of Messengers be given in church letters to appear in minutes.

Resolution of thanks to Mt. Pleasant Church and community for hospitable entertainment was adopted.

Motion carried that the Treasurer turn over any money received to parties duly authorized to receive the same.

The following resolution of thanks to Elder L. H. Bowles was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association, recognizing the valuable ser-

vices rendered by our beloved brother, L. H. Bowles, as Sunday-school Evangelist for this Association, kindly request our Executive Committee to arrange with him to continue his services in that work. J. P. Wood.

The Committee on Apportionment made the following report:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

The Special Committee appointed to report the amount that the churches of Troy Association should give to the different causes during the ensuing year, and apportion the same among the churches, submit the following report:—

Troy,	$300	Shiloh,	$30	Siloam,	$ 25
Salem,	100	Good Hope,	25	Friendship,	10
Orion,	20	Mt. Pleasant,	10		
Ansley,	15	Hephzibah,	30	Total,	$565

Joel D. Murphree, Ch'n.

The Association having completed its business, adjourned to meet with Hephzibah Church on Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in October, 1901.

N. C. Underwood, Moderator.

J. W. Dickinson, Clerk.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY.

OFFICERS.

ELDER N. C. UNDERWOOD, MODERATOR.....Brundidge, Ala.
ELDER J. W. DICKINSON, CLERK.....China Grove, Ala.
JOEL D. MURPHREE, TREASURER.....Troy, Ala.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Home and State Missions—W. H. Barnett, John H. Cotton, J. T. McLeod.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. S. Yarbrough, W. G. Chancey, T. S. Sanders.

Sunday-schools—L. H. Bowles, James Shephard, C. C. King.

Temperance—Joel D. Murphree, A. S. Knight, E. A. McPherson.

Education—J. W. Dickinson, W. B. Kimbell, W. H. Griggs.

Orphanage—O. C. Wiley, John Moore, F. B. Williams.

Indigent and Deceased Ministers—T. L. Head, Abner Campbell, N. A. Adams.

Committee on Appointments—Joel D. Murphree, H. J. Williams, J. R. Turner.

Colportage—E. M. Shackelford, J. P. Wood, J. P. Hubbard.

Executive Committee—A. B. Campbell, W. H. Barnett, J. W. Dickinson, Joel D. Murphree, J. P. Wood.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Elder L. H. Bowles.....Troy, Ala.
" J. L. Youngblood.....Troy, Ala.
" A. B. Campbell.....Troy, Ala.
" W. G. Sullivant.....Timothy, Ala.
" R. P. Copeland.....Brundidge, Ala.
" N. C. Underwood.....Brundidge, Ala,
" J. S. Yarbrough.....Orion, Ala.
" H. W. Griggs.....Linwood, Ala.
" J. W. Dickinson.....China Grove, Ala.

Next meeting to be held with Hephzibah Church, on Three Notch Road, four miles south of Troy, beginning on Tuesday after first Sunday in October, 1901.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.

This Union of Churches shall be denominated the Troy Association and shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our Union, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats. The letters so produced shall express the conditions of their churches, respectively, viz: The members received by baptism, letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association, and also moneys contributed to the various denominational interests, which letters shall be, read and the delegates' names enrolled.

Article II.

The Association shall annually, upon convening, proceed to choose from the members present a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

Section 1. The Moderator shall preside over the deliberations of the body and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered.

Sec. 2. The Clerk shall keep and preserve on file for the use of each session a correct minute of the proceedings of this Association, and shall attend to the printing and distributing of the same.

Sec. 3. The duties of the Treasurer require him to receive and account for only such moneys as are contributed for the current expenses of the Association, and the special collections taken during its sessions; that all other funds shall be forwarded to the agents of those causes for which they were collected, and report the same in the church letters.

Article III.

Each Church shall be entitled to three delegates, and when its membership exceeds fifty, then one for each twenty-five or fractional part thereof.

Article IV.

Any chuach applying for membership may be admitted into this Union on sending their delegates to any meeting with a petition and by those delegates agreeing to the abstract of principles and the Constitution adopted by this Association. Said church to be received by a unanimous vote and the right hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator.

Article V.

At each session a committee shall be appointed to select brethren to address the next session on the following subjects: "Missions, Sunday-schools, Education and Temperance.

Article VI.

This Association shall have no power to interfere or infringe upon the internal rights and privileges of the churches, and shall pass no resolutions touching the liberty of the churches, or individual members thereof. But each church shall be considered a sovereign and independent body.

Article VII.

There shall be no matter of dealing introduced by any individual member, but it shall be sent up by a church, or churches, clearly set forth in writing. Then the association may take it under consideration and a decision by a majority shall be an advisory answer.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any church may at any session make application for dismissal, and if said application is refused, then may withdraw at her own discretion.

ARTICLE IX.

It shall be the duty of this Asssciation to encourage the work of Sunday-schools, education, temperance, and all missionary enterprises fostered by our denomination.

ARTICLE X.

An Executive Committee of five brethren residing and holding fellowship within our bounds shall be elected at each annual session, and it shall be the duty of said committee to attend to such business as the Association may refer to it, and to use all means within its power, by correspondence with pastors and churches and otherwise, to promote constant and active co-operation and development of the churches throughout the year in support of the objects fostered by the Association, and in its own discretion to bring to the special notice of the churches, asking their aid therein, all measures undertaken by the Alabama State and Southern Baptist Conventions. Said committee shall have no right to commit the churches or Association to the support of any cause or undertaking. It shall fill all vacancies that may occur in its own membership during the year. It shall also report all its transactions to the Association, with such suggestions and recommendations as it deems fit to present. The Treasurer of the Association shall be ex-officio a member of the committee.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. At every annual meeting of this Association, immediately after the delegates' names are enrolled, tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from among their number a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who are to hold their offices until new ones are chosen.

2. The Moderator shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order, and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

3. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak on points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Association.

4. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5. Questions shall be distinctly put; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of a contrary opinion, no. If the Moderator doubts, or a division be called for, the delegates shall divide; those voting in the affirmative shall first arise from their seats, and afterwards those voting in the negative.

6. In all cases of election the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote, unless the body may be equally divided; in that event he shall give the casting vote. He may speak on any question, provided he shall call some other member to the chair while he is speaking.

7. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

8. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain; and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed, in case any member object, without leave of the Association.

9. When two or more members happen to rise at once the Moderator shall name the one who is to speak first.

10. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, without leave of the Association, unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

11. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put shall give his vote, unless the Association, for special reason, excuse him.

12. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair; or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Moderator and read aloud before debated.

13. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Chair or any member desire it.

14. After a motion is stated by the Chair, or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the body, but may be withdrawn, by leave of the Association, at any time before a decision or amendment.

15. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, commit, amend, to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged, and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall again be allowed during the session.

16. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except the Association be engaged in voting.

17. A motion to lay on the table shall be taken without debate; and shall always be in order, except a member be speaking, or the body engaged in voting.

18. On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order arising after the motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

19. The previous question shall be in the form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by committee, if any; upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

20. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

21. When a motion has been once made and carried, in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

22. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the Moderator; or leave the meeting without leave of the Association.

23. Should any member of the Association absent himself before the close of the session, without permission of the body, he shall be marked in the minutes as absent without leave.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

I. Of the Scriptures.—We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction: that it has God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. Of the True God.—That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is Jehovah; the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinctions of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonius, offices in the great work of redemption.

III. Of the Fall of Man.—That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgressions fell from that happy and holy state; in consequence of which all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and of their own sinful passions; and, therefore, under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV. Of the Way of Salvation.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took on Him our nature, yet without sin, honored the law by His personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by His death; being risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, He is

in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Savior.

V. Of Justification.—That the great Gospel blessing, which Christ of His fullness bestows on such as believe in Him, is justification; and justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any work of righteousness which we have done, but solely through His own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. Of the Freeness of Salvation.—That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to an aggravated condemnation.

VII. Of Grace in Regeneration.—That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; and is affected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII. Of God's Prrpose of Grace.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates. sacrifices and saves sinners; that, being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the Gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX. Of the Perseverance of Saints.—That such are only real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial profession; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X. Harmony of the Law and Gospel.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good; that the inability which the Scripture ascribes to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them, throngh a mediator, to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XI. Of a Gospel Church.—That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors,

and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and dues, are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XII. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.—That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer, in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in a crucified and risen Savior, with its purifying power; and that it is a prerequisite to the relatives of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by self-examination.

XIII. Of the Christian Sabbath.—That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes. by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

XIV. Of Civil Government.—That civil government is of Divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in the things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and Prince of the Kings of the earth.

XV. Of the Righteous and the Wicked.—That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of God, are truly righteous in His esteem; while all such as continue in impotence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVI. Of the World to Come.—That the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from the heaven and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.							FINANCES.									
	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Died	Present Membership	Paid for Missions	Ministerial Education	Orphanage	Pastor's Salary	Church Expenses	Minutes	Institute Board	Tuskaloosa Female College	Value of Church Property
Hephzibah	11	6	3				92	$ 6 50			$ 100 00		$ 1 50			$ 800 00
Mt. Pleasant			3			1	82	10 00			116 50		1 50			500 00
Ansley	5	3	1				48	6 70					1 00	4 70		500 00
Orion	14		2			1	64	12 55			100 00	3 25	1 50			1000 00
Salem	5	10	34			1	171	22 00		23 75	400 00	10 00	3 00			2400 00
Shiloh	17	2	9				150	30 00		8 00	150 00		3 00			500 00
Siloam	1						70	21 00					3 00			500 00
Good Hope			6			2		4 35		1 00	115 00		1 25			800 00
Friendship																
Troy		10	40				425	245 00	10 00	50 00	1100 00	574 80	10 00	50 00	20 00	21300 00
Bethlehem	1	1		2		1	32	3 00		2 00			75			300 00
Totals	54	32	98	2		6	1134	$361 60	$10 00	$84 75	$2081 50	$588 05	$25 50	$ 54 70	$20 00	$28600 00

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CHURCH CLERKS.	S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS.
Hephzibah	D. E Burks, Brantley	E. A. McPherson, Troy	L. E. Whaley, Troy
Mt. Pleasant	J. A. Jenkins	L. W. Williams, Linwood	F. B. Williams, Linwood
Ansley	J. M. Loftin, Henderson	J. T. McLeod, Ansley	
Orion	J. W. Dickinson, China Grove	H G. Chancey, Orion	W. G. Chancey, Orion
Salem	N. C. Underwood, Brundidge	W. B. Kimbell	J. R. Shephard, Brundidge
Shiloh	S. O. Y. Ray, Elba	J. R. Turner, Barr's Mill	M. A. Wood, Barr's Mill
Siloam	J. W. Dickinson, China Grove	R. J. Sims, China Grove	T. L. Head, China Grove
Good Hope	J. S. Yarbrough, Orion	Jas Spivey	
Troy	A. B. Campbell, Troy	Joel D. Murphree, Troy	J. P. Wood, Troy
Bethlehem	J. H. Stephens	J. H. Pinckard, Brundidge	